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1. SUMMARY. DEBATE ACRIMONIOUS AND POLITICAL ESPECIALLY ON PART OF LEBANON AND EGYPT. US AND ITALY ONLY DELEGATIONS OUR SIDE TO SPEAK. AT END OF AFTERNOON, WITH BEHIND SCENES LEBANON REQUEST, KENYA MOVED CLOSURE WHICH WAS ACCEPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION OR DEBATE. US MOVED ADJOURNMENT WHICH LOST. JUST AS VOTE ON US PROPOSAL L.520 ABOUT TO BEGIN USSR URGED POSTPONEMENT, SO COULD GET INSTRUCTIONS. US SUPPORTED USSR. AT FIRST THIS REJECTED, BUT THEN ACCEPTD WHEN KENYA WITHDREW CLOSURE AT BEHEST BEHIND SCENES REQUEST OF US. LEBANON ACCEPTED. DEBATE IS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE WILL TAKE PLACE AUGUST 3, 3:00 P.M. LOCAL.

2. LEBANON (GHORRA) OPENED DEBATE BY READING LETTER TO CHAIRMAN (SCOTT) INFORMING HIM ARAB GROUP WHICH GHORRA CONSULTED NY UNANIMOUS IN WANTING DECISION THIS SESSION. ALL WISH TO CO-SPONSOR BUT COULD NOT HAVE NAMES ADDED TO RESOLUTION SINCE MOST NEITHER HERE NOR ACCREDITED AS OBSERVERS -- BUT IN PRINCIPLE THIS SHALL BE CONSIDERED JOINT RESOLUTION. HE THEN ASSERTED US PROPOSAL WAS BOTH SUBSTANTIVE AND PROCEDURAL BUT WOULD AGREE IT BE ACCORDED PRECEDENCE IN VOTING -- BUT URGED US WITHDRAW SINCE OUR RESOLUTION ONLY DELAYING TACTIC.

3. HE THEN LAUNCHED OLD ARGUMENTS; NOTHING IN CHARTER PREVENTS ECOSOC FROM ESTABLISHING ECONOMIC ORGAN; ARABS HAVE BEEN PREVENTED FROM TAKING JOINT AND SEPARATE ACTION UNDER CHARTER SINCE HAVE NO ECONOMIC COMMISSION;

NEITHER PEACEFUL, NOR FRIENDLY RELATIONS EXIST WITH ISRAEL; CANNOT JUMP POLITICAL BARRIERS IGNORING REALITY AND HOPE ACHIEVE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COOPERATION; REITERATED HIS RESOLUTION NOT DISCRIMINATORY; ONLY ATTEMPT TO START AN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ONLY GROUP OF STATES

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WHICH NOW UNABLE TO BENEFIT FROM A COMMISSION; UNIVERSALITY DOES NOT MEAN REGIONALISM, WITNESS US, UK, FRANCE MEMBERSHIP IN SOME REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, NZ, AUSTRALIA IN ECAFE, NOW CANADA IN ECE.

4. HE THEN TURNED ON PREVIOUS US COMMENTS, SAYING THAT STATE IN AREA WHICH US WAS DEFENDING WAS UNLIKE ANY OTHER. HE DESCRIBED IT AS PROBLEM CHILD WHO HAS HAD "TOYS"

(WEAPONS) PUT IN HIS HANDS AND CAN WHET HIS APPETITE IN TAKING HIS NEIGHBORS LANDS. HE REFERRED TO RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES AND SAID IT ILLOGICAL EXPECT ARABS DISCUSS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS WHEN POLITICAL DIFFERENCE SO GREAT. HE SAID ARABS BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST WANT TO COOPERATE WITH FRIENDLIES. REFERRED TO WORLD FACING ENERGY AND FINANCIAL CRISIS IN WHICH ARABS WISH COOPERATE IN WORLD TRADE TO HELP ALLEVIATE. HE SPECIFICALLY SINGLED OUT US, DUTCH AND SCANDINAVIANS AND SAID PUTTING ONE COUNTRY IN REGION ABOVE ALL OTHERS WOULD NOT BE UNDERSTOOD.

5. US (AMB. FERGUSON) IN ATTEMPT TO TAKE EMOTIONALISM OUT OF ATMOSPHERE REITERATED THIS MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM OF LEGALITY. (FULL TEXT WILL BE SENT SEPARATE TEL). NO DOUBT RESOLUTION IS DISCRIMINATORY. US PROPOSAL IS NOT SIMPLY DELAYING -- WE BELIEVE LEBANESE PROPOSAL RAISES FUNDAMENTAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES ON WHICH BEST LEGAL ADVICE NEEDED. US IS NOT DEFENDING ONE STATE BUT A PRINCIPLE. IN FACT DON'T KNOW EVEN IF THAT ONE STATE IS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING. IT CAN DEFEND ITSELF. POLITICAL DEBATES HAVE NO PLACE IN ECOSOC -- LEAVE THAT TO SC. QUESTION OF OIL WAS RAISED. IT SHOULD PLAY NO PART. ECOSOC MUST DECIDE IF IT WILL FLOUT CHARTER AND PRECEDENTS OR UPHOLD INTEGRITY OF CHARTER. FURTHERMORE UNTIL ICJ OPINION RECEIVED COUNTRIES IN REGION WILL CONTINUE TO BENEFIT FROM UNESBO.

6. ITALY THEN INTERVENED WITH SHORT STATEMENT SUPPORTING US RESOLUTION.

7. IN VITRIOLIC, EMOTIONAL INTERVENTION, EGYPTIAN DEL CONDEMNED US PROPOSED DRAFT RES AS PURE DELAYING TACTIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND SAID IF ADVISORY OPINION REQUESTED OF ICJ AS CONTAINED IN OUR DRAFT, SHE WOULD PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT THAT COURT BE ASKED TO PASS ON FOLLOWING QUESTION: "IS THE PRESENT STATUS OF A UN MEMBER IN THE REGION, NOT MENTIONED IN DOCUMENT L.1497/REV. 2, LEGALLY AND CONSTITUTIONALLY INCONSISTENT WITH UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND THE RELEVANT UN DECISIONS PARTICULARLY THE GA RESOLUTION OF 1947 ON THE PARTITION PLAN". SHE THEN LAUNCHED ON VITRIOLIC TYRADE IN WHICH SHE WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR BUT NOT BEFORE SHE HAD ATTACKED US FOR SUCH PRACTICES OF A SUPER POWER AGAINST THE WORLD COMMUNITY, AS DROPPING ATOMIC BOMB ON HIROSHIMA, 10 YEARS OF MASSACRES IN VIETNAM, 25 YEARS INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES AND SUPPORT OF RACIST REGIMES IN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE. WHEN TRINIDAD/TOBAGO QUESTIONED STATUS

OF EGYPTIAN AMENDMENT T US DRAFT RES (IN RE ASKING COURT
TO PASS ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL STANDING OF ISRAEL,
AS NOTED ABOVE) SHE REPLIED THAT SHE DID NOT INTEND TO
PRESS AMENDMENT TO A VOTE BUT ONLY INTENDED TO SHOW MEM-
BERS OF THE COMMITTEE THAT ISSUE AS FRAMED BY US
IN OPERATIVE PARA 3 OF DRAFT RES NOT THE ONLY ONE ON
WHICH OPINION OF COURT COULD BE REQUESTED.

8. YEMEN INTERVENED ALONG PREDICTABLE LINES ALLEGING THIS
ANOTHER INSTANCE WHERE "BRIGHT LAWYER GETS SIMPLE CASE TO
DO JUSTICE AND COMPLICATES IT BEYOND RECOGNITION". SAID
ARABS CAN NEVER SIT DOWN WITH ISRAEL -- THE AGGRESSOR.

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9. CHINA ONLY NON-ARAB COUNTRY TO MAKE STRONG PRO-ARAB, ANTI-ISRAELI STATEMENT. CHINESE DEL (WANG) SAID HE DIS-AGREED WITH US PROPOSAL TO REFER MATTER TO ICJ CHARACTERIZ-ING IT AS JUST DELAYING TACTIC WHICH PROVIDES ENCOURAGE-MENT TO AGGRESSORS. HE SAID ECOSOC FULLY COMPETENT TO CREATE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND DOES NOT NEED ADVISORY OPINION FROM ICJ. EFFORT OF SOME DELEGATIONS TO DELAY ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION BASED ON ARGUMENTS THAT ARE NOT WELL FOUNDED.

10. AROUND 6:00 PM GHORRA INTERVENED CHARAC-TERIZING AFTERNOON'S DEBATE AS USEFUL, ALL ISSUES CLARI-FIED, NOTHING MORE TO BE SAID AND STRESSING THAT LEBANESE DRAFT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL NATURE NOT LEGAL OR POLITICAL. HE DECLARED EXPLICITLY THAT LEBANESE OPPOSED TO US DRAFT AND HOPED COMMITTEE WOULD SEE THINGS LEBANESE WAY. KENYA (AFTER BEHIND SCENES LEBANON REQUEST) MOVED FOR CLOSURE OF DEBATE UNDER RULE 53 AND AFTER FERGUSON ASCERTAINED ON POINT OF ORDER THAT NO OTHER SPEAKERS REMAINED ON LIST, CHAIR DECLARED DEBATE CLOSED BY UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT. LEBANON REQUESTED ROLL CALL VOTE ON ALL RESOLUTIONS AND PROPOSALS BEFORE COMMITTEE. THIS FOLLOWED BY USSR (MAKEEV) REQUEST THAT SINCE IT WAS 6:00 O'CLOCK COMMITTEE ADJOURN MEETING. REQUEST SUPPORTED BY US BUT OPPOSED BY YEMEN WHICH SUGGESTED MEETING CONTINUE UNTL 6:30. US THEREUPON MOVED TO ADJOURN MEETING. EGYPT COMMENCED ANOTHER EMOTIONAL STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION TO US BUT CHAIR RULED HER OUT OF ORDER ON FERGUSON'S POINT OF ORDER UNDER RULE 54. MOTION TO ADJOURN LOST 17(US, USSR)-25(LEBANON, FRANCE, CHINA, BRAZIL)-5(UK, CANADA, NEW ZEALAND, JAPAN, VENEZUELA).

11. AFTER KENYAMOVED THAT COMMITTEE PROCEED TO VOTE
ON RESOLUTIONS, USSR MADE STRONG APPEAL TO COMMITTEE THAT
IN VIEW OF GREAT IMPORTANCE OF ISSUE AND INABILITY OF
USSR AND PROBABLY OTHER DELS TO PARTICIPATE IN VOTE
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IMMEDIATELY, VOTE BE POSTPONED. SENEGAL OPPOSED THIS
POSTPONEMENT ON GROUNDS VOTING COMMENCED AND UNDER RULE 63
NO INTERRUPTIONS PERMITTED. FERGUSON OPPOSED ON GROUNDS
FIRST VOTE NOT CAST SO NO COMMENCEMENT OF VOTING WITHIN
MEANING OF RULE AND THEN SUPPORTED USSR PLEA. AFTER
PRIVATE REQUEST OF US, KENYA WITHDREW ITS MOTION TO VOTE
EXPRESSING AGREEMENT WITH SOVIET REQUEST IN POSTPONEMENT.
GHORRA ALSO SUPPORTED RUSSIAN REQUEST ON GROUNDS THAT HE
DESIRED WIDEST POSSIBLE SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF
COMMISSION AND LIKED TO AFFORD USSR OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICI-
PATE IN DECISION. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED POSTPONEMENT OF VOTE
UNTIL MONDAY AFTERNOON OR TUESDAY BUT FHORRA DEMURRED
RQUESTING SCHEDULING OF VOTE FOR PM AUGUST 3 TO WHICH
CHAIR ACCEDED.BASSIN

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